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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

LOIS LANE

WHO IS LOLA, THE WIFE OF SUPERMAN'S ARCH-FOE... THE QUEEN OF CRIME? HOLD ONTO YOUR HATS, BECAUSE SHE'S NONE OTHER THAN OUR OWN LOIS! SURE, LOIS IS LAW-ABIDING, TRUE-BLUE AND 100 PERCENT DEVOTED TO SUPERMAN... IN REAL LIFE! BUT THIS IS AN IMAGINARY TALE, IN WHICH ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN! AND THAT INCLUDES A CRIMINAL LOIS WHO PLOTS...

"The MUSICAL MURDER of SUPERMAN!"

THIS TIME YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME AGAIN, LOLA! I'VE CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED, DEFACING ONE OF OUR GREATEST NATIONAL MONUMENTS... AND YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, AS WELL AS ALL YOUR OTHER CRIMES, WHEN I TAKE YOU IN!
(GULP!)... IT LOOKS LIKE SUPERMAN'S CAUGHT ME THIS TIME!... HIS SUPER-SPEED WILL PREVENT ME FROM OUTRACING HIM, SO, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH I'LL HAVE TO OUT-WIT THE SUPER-JERK--WHICH SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT!
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AN IMAGINARY STORY
Schaffenberger

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IN THIS LATEST LOIS LANE **IMAGINARY TALE**, WHICH **MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED**, BUT **DIDN'T**, LOIS ADMIRES A FAMED PIANIST, **THE INCOMPARABLE LUTHOR**...

SINCE I'VE GIVEN YOU **MY** AUTOGRAPH, PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLIMENT BY SIGNING **YOURS** ON THIS PICTURE OF YOU I JUST TORE OUT OF THE **DAILY PLANET**!

THRILLED TO...!

DAILY

BUT SHE ALSO ADORES **LEXO**, A DARING CROOK, WHO DONATES THE PROCEEDS FROM HIS CRIMES TO CHARITIES! ONE DAY, AT THE **PLANET**...

HE KISSED ME BEFORE FLEEING WITH THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIMSELF, WHICH HE STOLE FROM THE **PLANET** SAFE! THIS PHOTO HE DROPPED IS THE ONE I AUTOGRAPHED FOR **LUTHOR**! THAT MEANS **LUTHOR** AND **LEXO** ARE...THE **SAME MAN**!!

LATER, WHILE IMPERSONATING **LEXO** TO LEAD **SUPERMAN** ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE, LOIS IS ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED COLD, AND, MISTAKEN FOR THE MASTER CRIMINAL BY HIS HENCHMEN, IS CARRIED TO HIS UNDERGROUND LAIR, WHERE...

MY LIGHT TOUCH ACTIVATED A MECHANISM IN THIS BUST! FORTUNATELY, ITS RAYS HAVEN'T HARMED ME!

WRONG, LOIS! THEY'VE TURNED YOU **EVIL**!

AFTER A LIGHTNING-FAST ROMANCE, LOIS AND **LUTHOR**, WHO IS SECRETLY **LEXO**, ARE WED...

NOW THAT HE'S MINE, I'LL MAKE HIM STOP GIVING AWAY ALL THAT LOVELY LOOT TO CHARITIES!

TOO LATE... I REALIZE I'VE LOST THE GIRL I'LL ALWAYS LOVE...

AFTER **LUTHOR'S** AND LOIS' FORMAL WEDDING RECEPTION UPTOWN, THEY SWITCH TO THEIR CRIMINAL IDENTITIES OF **LEXO** AND **LOLA** AND GO DOWNTOWN TO JOIN UNDERWORLD CRONIES IN A SWINGING WEDDING BASH AT THEIR UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS...

HA, HA! TO THE NEWLYWEDS! WHAT A **CRIME-TEAM** THEY'LL MAKE!

SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, IN THEIR HIDEOUT, WHICH CONNECTS WITH THE SEWERS OF METROPOLIS...
WE'VE BEEN BUSY LITTLE BEES, HAVEN'T WE, DARLING?
YES, LOVER! OUR TROPHY CASE IS FULL OF TROPHIES FROM OUR WILD, WILD CRIME CAPERS.
WHAT FRACTURES ME THE MOST IS THIS BATMAN UTILITY BELT WE STOLE FROM THE COWLED CRIMEFIGHTER, AFTER KNOCKING HIM OUT WITH SLEEP-GAS!
A MINOR TRIUMPH, REALLY! BUT THE JOB WE'VE PLANNED FOR TOMORROW, DURING SUPERMAN DAY FESTIVITIES AT METROPOLIS PARK, WILL BE A REAL "GAS!" LOVE ME, PUSSYCAT?
MAN, CAN THIS CAT KISS...CRAZY! THANK GOODNESS I DIDN'T MARRY THAT SUPER-SQUARE, SUPERMAN!
WHEN THOSE LIPS TOUCH MINE, I DIG WHAT MOLTEN STEEL MUST FEEL LIKE! VOOM!!!
EARLY NEXT DAY, AT THE PARK...
MY OLD PRESS-CARD GOT ME ADMITTED AS A REPORTER! I SEE SECURITY MEN ARE GUARDING THE VALUABLE GIFTS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO SUPERMAN WHEN HE SHOWS UP AT NOON! THE CITY OFFICIALS ON THE PLATFORM ARE SMILING FOR THE CAMERAMEN.
THEN, AS THE TIME FOR SUPERMAN'S ARRIVAL NEARS...
LOOK! A PARADE OF MEN MASQUERADING AS SUPERMAN! AND THEY'RE ALL CARRYING WHAT MUST BE FAKE PIECES OF KRYPTONITE! I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS ON THE PROGRAM, BUT THE SPECTATORS SEEM TO LOVE IT!
THESE RUBBER MASKS SURE MAKE US LOOK LIKE SUPERMAN!
AND WILL I LOVE WHAT COMES NEXT... HA, HA!
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UNEXPECTEDLY...
REACH FOR A CHUNK OF SKY, GENTS! IT WOULD BE VERY STUPID OF YOU TO MAKE ANY "SMART MOVES"!
GASP! IT'S LEXO! THAT TOTEM-POLE WAS MADE OF CARDBOARD!
THIS SHRINK-RAY IS REDUCING THE GIFTS INTENDED FOR THE MAN OF STEEL TO PEBBLE-SIZE!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, GUARDS! STOP HIM FROM STEALING SUPERMAN'S PRESENTS!
AH-AH! MUSTN'T PLAY WITH GUNS! DROP 'EM, OR I'LL MAKE YOU SO TINY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN AN ANT-HILL!
A FEW MINUTES TO NOON! I'LL SLIP AWAY AND CHANGE TO MY SECRET IDENTITY OF LOLA!
AS LOIS COMPLETES THE TRANSFORMATION BEHIND SOME SHRUBBERY...
LEXO JUST PLACED THE SHRUNKEN GIFTS IN HIS POCKET! I SEE SUPERMAN APPROACHING FROM THE DISTANCE...!
SUDDENLY...
I'M SUPERMAN! HELP ME!
I'M SUPERMAN! HELP ME!
THOSE MASQUERADERS ARE JUST FAKING, OF COURSE... BECAUSE THEIR KRYPTONITE CHUNKS ARE FAKES, AND COULDN'T HURT THEM EVEN IF THEY WERE REAL! THE GENUINE SUPERMAN HAS SIGHTED WHAT LEXO IS UP TO, AND IS ZOOMING IN! HERE'S WHERE LOLA MAKES THE CRIME SCENE, LIKE GREAT!
I'M SUPERMAN! HELP ME!
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YEAH, THE KATS SURE DIG MY CUSTOM '29 FORD, KAT!

AND HERE'S MY NEWEST AMT KUSTOM KIT--SURF WOODY. HOW'S IT GRAB YOU, KAT? DOUBLE SLICK TIRES, SUPERCHARGED COBRA ENGINE, THE WORKS!
GR-R-REAT!

AND SEE THE EXTRAS IN THE SURF WOODY KIT--HEARSE LANTERNS, COFFIN-TOP SURFBOARD, FLUTED POSTS, SCROLL-WORK FENDERS. WE CALL THIS VERSION SURF HEARSE!
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SUPERGIRL, SUPERBOY'S KRYPTONIAN COUSIN!

VIDAL, THE KENTS' SECOND SUPER-SON!

KID KRYPTON, THE SUPER-LAD WHO'S SMARTER than SUPERBOY!

and DWORN, THE SUPER-WEAKLING with the GOLDEN TOUCH!

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Extra! SUPERBOY BECOMES HIS OWN RIVAL IN... "The TWO BOYS of STEEL!" ALL in

ON SALE MARCH 10th

THEN, AS THE REAL SUPERMAN STREAKS DOWN, INTENT ON STOPPING LEXO...
RUBIE-DOO! HAVE SOME REAL GREEN K FROM LOLA, YOU SUPER RAT-FINK!
OHH-HHHHH!
HA, HA! EVERYONE'S EYES ARE ON LEXO, AND THEY'RE IGNORING SUPERMAN! PEOPLE THINK HE'S JUST ANOTHER MASQUERADER PRETENDING TO BE STRICKEN BY KRYPTONITE!
I'M SUPERMAN! HELP ME!
MEET MY WIFE, LOLA, FOLKS! AS CUTE AS VENUS AND AS DANGEROUS AS MEDUSA!
LOVE THAT CRAZY BUILD-UP! BUT LET'S CUT OUT BEFORE THE U.S. MARINES AND THE LONE RANGER MAKE THE SCENE!
AND AS THE LEXO-LOLA TEAM ESCAPES...
HEY, QUIT HAMMING IT UP, CHUM! YOU C'N GET UP NOW AND REMOVE YOUR MASK, LIKE THE REST OF US!
WHAT MASK? I AM SUPERMAN AND THIS IS KRYPTONITE!... T-TAKE IT AWAY... PLEASE!
AS THE GENUINE KRYPTONITE IS REMOVED, SUPERMAN'S STRENGTH RETURNS...
GOSH, WE'RE SORRY! SOME GUY WENT AROUND HIRING HOBOES WHO HAD YOUR BUILD, DRESSED US UP WITH SUPERMAN COSTUMES AND MASKS, AND PAID US TO MARCH CARRYING FAKE KRYPTONITE! HE SAID IT WAS PART OF THE ENTERTAINMENT!
THAT MAN WAS A LEXO HENCHMAN! THE BRILLIANT LEXO-LOLA PLOT SUCCEEDED!

SHORTLY, IN THE CRIME-COMBO'S HIDEOUT...
I ENLARGED THE STOLEN SUPERMAN DAY PRESENTS! SOME OF THEM FIT IN THE TROPHY CASE! PROUD, CHICK?
MAN, WHAT FINE KICKS WE HAD PUTTING DOWN THOSE SQUARES! HA, HA!
A WEEK LATER, AS THE TWO SWINGERS VISIT METROPOLIS ORPHANAGE IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES...
THE ORPHAN KIDDIES HERE ADORE YOUR HUSBAND, MRS. LUTHOR! IN A FEW MINUTES, THEY'LL ENTERTAIN HIM!
HOW SWEET! WHAT A DRAG!
PRESENTLY...
WE WERE ABLE TO BUY THEM THOSE NEW MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS BECAUSE OF AN ANONYMOUS DONATION WE RECEIVED LAST TUESDAY!
TUESDAY? AND SUPERMAN DAY WAS....MONDAY!!
AFTER LUTHOR AND LOIS RETURN TO THEIR PENTHOUSE SUITE...
ADMIT IT, YOU INCOMPARABLE RAT! YOU CASHED IN SOME OF THE LOOT WE STOLE AND YOU GAVE IT TO THAT ORPHANAGE! DON'T LIE!
YOU KNOW I STEAL ONLY TO TAUNT SUPERMAN AND THAT MY REAL KICKS COME FROM DONATING THE PROCEEDS TO CHARITIES...
FINK, FINK, FINK!!! YOU PROMISED TO TURN OFF THAT CORNBALL JAZZ IF I'D MARRY YOU! NOW DROP THE SQUARE BIT OR I'LL FADE OUT OF YOUR LIFE FOREVER!
DON'T WIG OUT, LOIS! I'LL... GET WITH IT...
AND WE'LL MAKE A BUM OUT OF SUPERMAN OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN! - DO YOU LOVE ME, PUSSYCAT?
MEE-OWWW!
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WITH EACH PASSING MONTH, THE CRIME EXPLOITS OF THE DARING TWOSOME ACHIEVE EVER-INCREASING NOTORIETY...
LEXO AND LOLA STEAL JEWELS OF POLICE CHIEF'S WIFE!!!
DAILY PLANET
LEXO AND LOLA LOOT LOUVRE! ART MASTERPIECES SNATCHED!
A DIAMOND NECKLACE FOR YOU, LOLA! IT WAS A STEAL!
THIS WRISTWATCH I GOT FOR YOU IS FIT FOR A KING! IN FACT, I SWIPED IT FROM ONE!
THEN, AS LOIS' AND LUTHOR'S FIRST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ROLLS AROUND, DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...
WHAT A DIVINE PARTY! IS IT TRUE, LUTHOR, THAT ONE OF YOUR GREATEST ADMIRERS, THE MAHARAJAH OF GAHARGIT, IS SENDING YOU A SURPRISE GIFT?
SO HE ANNOUNCED!
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT FIND THIS PARTY A DRAG, LOIS! BUT YOUR EYES ARE SPARKLING!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE EXPRESSION ON SUPERMAN'S FACE! I UNDERSTAND THE SUPER-CREEP'S BEEN CARRYING A TORCH SINCE I JILTED HIM! I WONDER WHAT'S DELAYING HIM??
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ELSEWHERE IN THE TEEMING CITY...
WHEN WILL IDIOTS LIKE YOU CROOKS LEARN TO STOP WASTING BULLETS ON MY IMPENETRABLE BODY?
BANG
BANG
DON'T HURT US! WE SURRENDER!
YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE!
I WAS DELAYED RESCUING A CRATE FROM HI-JACKERS! IT HAD BEEN EN ROUTE TO YOUR HUSBAND! I'LL OPEN IT!
A PIANO MADE OF GOLD...WITH KEYS OF SILVER! THE MAHARAJAH'S GIFT IS FABULOUS!
I SEE THAT LOIS MANEUVERED HERSELF UNDER A SPRIG OF MISTLETOE, ALONGSIDE HER OLD BOY FRIEND... COINCIDENTALLY, ON PURPOSE!
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AREN'T YOU GOING TO KISS ME? IT'S AN OLD TRADITION, YOU KNOW!
I KNOW.
AS THOUGH I COULD RESIST..

SUFFER... HA, HA, HA!
WHY DID SHE HAVE TO MARRY LUTHOR INSTEAD OF...ME...?
CHOKE

MUST GO... EMERGENCY MISSION...
EMERGENCY, MY FOOT! MY KISS TORMENTED HIM MORE THAN A TON OF KRYPTONITE COULD!

THAT NIGHT, AFTER A SADDENED SUPERMAN FALLS ASLEEP..
I LOVE YOU, SUPERMAN! YES, I'LL MARRY YOU!
LOIS, DARLING!
IF ONLY...IT COULD HAVE BEEN... ...THAT WAY!

MEANWHILE, AS LOIS, TOO, DREAMS, LEXO RETURNS FROM A SOLO MIDNIGHT CAPER...
MUMBLE... MUMBLE--YOU SUPER-SQUARE! I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT MY HUSBAND... GO AWAY, SUPERMAN! MUMBLE
EARLIER TODAY I WONDERED IF SHE STILL HAD A SPARK OF ROMANTIC FEELING FOR SUPERMAN! FROM WHAT SHE'S SAYING IN HER SLEEP I KNOW BETTER, NOW.

THEN, AS LOIS AWAKENS AND BEGINS TO DESCRIBE HER DREAM...
HE SILENCED ME WITH A KISS! HOW SUPERB LEXO IS! OH, HOW I LOVE HIM...
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YES, SHE LOVES HIM.
BUT HOW WILL THIS IMAGINARY TALE END FOR LOIS? HAPPILY? TRAGICALLY? TURN TO PART II OF THIS MONUMENTAL MASTERPIECE!

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IT'S TOUGH LIVING IN A CITY APARTMENT. MY DAD AND I CAN'T HAVE A DECENT WORKBENCH TO WORK ON OUR HOBBIES!
COME WITH ME. I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT MY DAD GOT FOR US TO WORK ON!
HE PICKED UP THIS OLD SECOND-HAND ROLL-TOP DESK. THE DRAWERS ARE GOOD FOR STORING TOOLS AND SUPPLIES, AND THE PIGEONHOLES ARE GREAT FOR SMALL THINGS!
YOU CAN FIX IT UP ANY WAY YOU WANT IT. AND THE BEST PART, WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH WORKING, YOU ROLL DOWN THE TOP AND EVERYTHING'S NEAT!

CUT OUT FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

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You're in for a weird treat when you read the astounding cover story in the June-July **TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED**—"I Was a Prisoner of Death!" And don't reveal the UNEXPECTED "Secret of Chameleo-Man!" **No. 95,** on sale April 19.

Everyone knows the mightiest man on Earth is SUPERMAN! But on the world of Earth-X it's—**JIMMY OLSEN!** Yes, the MAN OF STEEL'S pal becomes the BATMAN-SUPERMAN of a parallel world! In the June issue, **No. 93,** on sale April 12.

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She looked like a million—and stole ten times as much! And when she came to grips with BATMAN, he had plenty of reason to . . . "Beware of—POISON IVY!" She's in the June issue of **BATMAN, No. 181,** on sale April 19.

TUNNEL OF HORRORS—ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK! That warning was good enough for **THE FLASH**—for he knew that he'd be KILLED if he entered . . . "The Corridor of Chills!" In the June issue, **No. 162,** on sale April 19.

ROCKY and BULLWINKLE
ARE CHEERIOS YOUR FAVORITE CEREAL, BULLWINKLE?
SURE THING, OLD SKATE!
Cheerios
CHEERIOS 'N' MILK GIVE US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN' PROTEIN...
...AND LOTS OF GO...GO... GO!
DO YOU MEAN THAT EVERYONE SHOULD GO WITH THE GOODNESS OF CHEERIOS?
RIGHTO, ROCK!
ZOOM!
POW!
BUT THEY SHOULD WATCH WHERE THEY'RE GOING!

HEALTH MYTHS DEBUNKED!

IT'S A GOOD THING THAT NAIL YOU STEPPED ON WAS A NEW ONE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE A DOCTOR, DICK--ONLY A *RUSTY* NAIL IS DANGEROUS!
WRONG, YOUNG MAN! LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THAT! *ANY* PUNCTURE WOUND SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF!

AS LONG AS THE THING THAT CAUSED THE WOUND TOUCHED DIRT, IT COULD CARRY DANGEROUS INVISIBLE GERMS, LIKE TETANUS--IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A *RUSTY* OBJECT! THAT'S ONLY ONE OF THE MANY MYTHS ABOUT HEALTH THAT SHOULD BE EXPOSED!

"MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT A GOOD WAY TO TREAT FROSTBITE IS TO RUB THE FROZEN PART WITH SNOW..."
"*FALSE!* GRADUAL WARMING IS NEEDED--BUT *RUBBING* WITH SNOW OR ANYTHING ELSE WOULD ONLY DAMAGE *MORE* TISSUE!"

"OR THAT A PIECE OF RAW MEAT SHOULD BE USED TO TREAT A BLACK EYE..."
"*FALSE!* A COLD COMPRESS MAY MAKE IT FEEL BETTER AND CAN HELP REDUCE SWELLING AT FIRST, BUT A PIECE OF MEAT WON'T AFFECT SWELLING OR DISCOLORATION!"

"OR THAT CUTTING OR SHAVING A PERSON'S HAIR MORE OFTEN MAKES IT GROW FASTER..."
"*FALSE!* THE RATE OF GROWTH OF HAIR IS DETERMINED BY THE HAIR ROOTS OR FOLLICLES *BENEATH* THE SKIN, BY HEREDITY AND GENERAL HEALTH!"

GOSH, DOC, I'LL BET I'M DOING THE WRONG THING TRYING TO CURE A COLD WITH A HARD WORK-OUT AND THEN A HOT BATH!
YES, DICK, REST IS USUALLY MORE USEFUL THAN EXERCISE TO HELP THE BODY FIGHT A COLD--EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE BIT BETTER AFTER "SWEATING" IT OUT. IT *COULD* MAKE YOU FEEL WORSE!

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PART II
LOLA'S CRIME RAMPAGE
SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, IN THIS IMAGINARY TALE, WHICH MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, BUT DIDN'T, WHILE THEIR SERVANTS HAVE THE DAY OFF, LUTHOR AND LOIS ENJOY SLIDES OF SOME OF THEIR TOP CRIMINAL EXPLOITS...
YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU WERE BORN TO WEAR THAT ROYAL GOLD CROWN WE STOLE WHILE IT WAS ON AN EXHIBIT TOUR OF THE U.S.! THAT WAS NICE CAMERA WORK BY OUR HENCHMAN, KLAVAN!
CHUCKLE! REMEMBER THAT SPY CAR WE STOLE? A MOVIE PRODUCER SPENT $100,000 TO HAVE IT BUILT, FOR USE IN AN ESPIONAGE FILM! WE SHOOK THE COPS BY USING THE CAR'S BUILT-IN GIMMICKS, LIKE THE SMOKE-SCREEN AND OIL-SLICK EJECTOR!
POLICE
THERE GOES THE DOOR-BUZZER! THIS SECURITY-MONITOR SHOWS OUR VISITOR IS LANA LANG! SHE'S PROBABLY CALLING ON ME FOR SOME "REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS" CHIT-CHAT! PUT THE SLIDE-PROJECTOR AWAY, DEAR..QUICKLY!
BUT... NO, THIS ISN'T JUST A SOCIAL CALL! MY NETWORK WANTS YOU TO APPEAR IN A TV SPECIAL, LUTHOR! I'LL DO THE COMMENTARY! IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, I'D LIKE TO TAKE SOME PUBLICITY PICTURES!
CERTAINLY!
I LOVE YOUR NEW BRACELET, LANA!
AND SO.. MY PUBLIC ENJOYS SEEING ME APPROPRIATELY COSTUMED FOR THE NUMBERS I PLAY! SUCH AS MEPHISTOPHELES, THE DEVIL IN GOUNOD'S FAUST.
YOU'RE QUITE THE HANDSOME DEVIL! HA, HA!

AFTER ANOTHER SWITCH IN ATTIRE...
THIS CLOWN COSTUME INSPIRES ME TO PLAY LEONCAVALLO'S PAGLIACCI AS NOTHING ELSE COULD!
SHE'S OVERDOING THE GUSHY COMPLIMENTS! WHY??
OH, HOW ADORABLE!
THEN, A FINAL COSTUME CHANGE...
SEE ME NOW AS MOZART'S DON GIOVANNI, WHICH WAS BASED ON THE STORY OF DON JUAN!
THE LADIES WILL SWOON ...INCLUDING YOURS TRULY!
NOW I GET IT!!
SHE USED TO TRY TO STEAL SUPERMAN FROM ME! NOW THE PIG IS AFTER MY HUSBAND!
SORRY YOU HAVE TO LEAVE SO SOON, LANA!
BUT...
"YOU'RE QUITE THE HANDSOME DEVIL!" "-OH, HOW ADORABLE!"-"THE LADIES WILL SWOON!"... WHY DID YOU ENCOURAGE THAT HUSSY'S ADVANCES, YOU CONCEITED... HAM?
DON'T FLIP YOUR LID, BABY!
YOU MUST LEARN TO LIVE WITH THE FACT THAT I AM IRRESISTIBLE TO ALL WOMEN! BUT I LOVE ONLY YOU, LOIS, BABY! PASTE THAT ON YOUR JEALOUS BRAIN!
JEALOUS? NOT ME! IF YOU PREFER THAT RED-HEADED HARPY TO ME— YOU CAN HAVE HER! NOW TAKE YOUR HAND OFF ME BEFORE I BREAK IT!
NEXT MORNING...
I'M SORRY I LOST MY TEMPER LAST NIGHT. I'LL APOLOGIZE TO LEX! ...HIS BED IS EMPTY...!!

I APOLOGIZE, DARLING! - ?- WHY HAVE YOU LOCKED THE DOOR TO YOUR SOUND-PROOFED STUDIO?
I'VE BEEN SEIZED BY INSPIRATION! I WON'T EMERGE UNTIL I'VE FINISHED MY GREATEST COMPOSITION! I'LL SWITCH OFF THE INTERCOM SO I CAN CONCENTRATE ON MY ART!

OPEN THE DOOR, BLAST YOU! I'M WISE TO YOU! YOU'RE WRITING A LOVE SONG FOR LANA! I HATE YOU! IF ONLY THE INTERCOM WAS ON, SO YOU COULD HEAR ME!!

THEN, AS DAY AFTER DAY PASSES WHILE THE FAMED PIANIST COURTS THE MUSE IN HIS "IVORY TOWER"...

A TIME-MECHANISM HAS OPENED THE FOOD PANEL!
ONE MOMENT, ASHLEY, BEFORE YOU PUT THAT TRAY IN THROUGH THE PANEL! MR. LUTHOR LIKES LOADS OF PEPPER ON HIS FOOD!
ACTUALLY HE HATES IT! I HOPE IT BURNS HIS TONGUE

THEN, ONE DAY LOIS SECRETLY FLIES ONE OF LEXO'S SPECIAL AIRCRAFT TO PARIS, WHERE RAIN IS FALLING...
WHILE MY RAT-FINK MATE WRITES HIS LOVE DITTY TO LANA, I'LL HAVE MY OWN BRAND OF FUN! I CAME HERE TO PULL A SOLO CAPER THAT'LL ECLIPSE THE FAME OF LEXO!
LOUVRE

WHEN SHE RETURNS HOME...
THE STUDIO DOOR IS OPEN! HE MUST HAVE FINISHED HIS COMPOSITION AND HAS GONE TO BED! WAIT! THAT BRACELET ON THE PIANO! IT'S LANA'S! SHE'S BEEN HERE, WHILE I WAS GONE!

I OUGHT TO SMASH THE PIANO OVER THAT REVOLTING ROMEO'S HEAD! THE TAPE-RECORDER! LUTHOR MUST'VE RECORDED HIS LOVE SONG TO LANA ON IT! I WANT TO HEAR THE SOUL-MUSIC HE'S DEDICATED TO HER!

OUT OF THE RECORD-PLAYER POURS A BRILLIANT, HAUNTING MELODY WHICH DAZZLES THE SENSES OF THE LISTENER...
IT'S THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING I'VE EVER HEARD! FORCEFUL...YET TENDER... I HATE IT!!

INTO THE BEDROOM STRIDES LOIS! THEN...
HAVE SOME FLOWERS, LOVER-BOY!
ZZ-ZZZZ..
SPUTTER!
..WHA-? LOIS! WHY...??
SPLASH!

I HEARD THE LOVE-SONG YOU WROTE TO LANA! AND I FOUND HER BRACELET, WHERE SHE FORGOT IT AFTER SNEAKING IN TO MEET YOU! I DESPISE YOU BOTH!
BEFORE YOU SAY ANYTHING ELSE YOU'LL REGRET, LOOK AT THESE...

THE SUPERMAN SONATA
Dear Lois:
Since you admired my bracelet, I'm sending it to you by messenger.
Your dear friend,
Lana

¡SOB, SOB!¿ I'VE BEEN SO UNFAIR TO YOU AND LANA! C-CAN YOU FORGIVE ME, DARLING?
OF COURSE, PRECIOUS! I'LL JUST KISS AWAY THOSE TEARS, AND ALL YOUR HURT WILL GO AWAY! NEVER, NEVER DOUBT MY LOVE AGAIN, PUSSY-CAT!

BUT AS LOIS WAILS, CONFESSING HER LATEST **LOLA** CAPERS, AND HER LYING PROMISE TO **SUPERMAN**...

¡SOB¿... I'VE RUINED EVERY-THING...
NOT SO! IT SO HAPPENS THAT THE **SUPERMAN SONATA** WILL FREE YOU FROM YOUR STUP...ER... UNFORTUNATE DIFFICULTY!

AFTER A MESSAGE FROM **LUTHOR** IS DELIVERED TO **SUPERMAN**, IN CARE OF THE **PLANET**, THE **MAN OF STEEL** SPEEDS TO HIS ARCTIC **FORTRESS**, WHERE A RAY TRANSFERS HIM INTO THE TINY BOTTLE-CITY OF **KANDOR**...

PRESENTLY, IN **KANDOR**, WHICH WAS STOLEN FROM **KRYPTON**, THE PLANET OF **SUPERMAN'S** ORIGIN, YEARS AGO, AND IMPRISONED WITHIN A BOTTLE BY SPACE-VILLAIN **BRAINIAC**...

OF COURSE YOU MAY BORROW MY **LYTHRE**!
THANK YOU! **LUTHOR** PLANS TO USE IT DURING THE FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE OF HIS **SUPERMAN SONATA**, WHICH HE HAS DEDICATED TO ME!

THEN, AS **SUPERMAN** AND THE **LYTHRE** ARE TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE BOTTLE-CITY...

THIS UNUSUAL INSTRUMENT REACHES NOT ONLY THE EAR OF THE HEARER, BUT HIS BRAIN AS WELL, CREATING STARTLING IMAGES IN HIS MIND!

LATER, IN HER PENTHOUSE...
LUTHOR HAS HIS FORBIDDEN ROOM... NOW I'VE GOT MINE! NOT EVEN THE SERVANTS ARE ALLOWED IN HERE! THERE! I'VE REPAINTED THE FACE SO THE MONA LISA IS NOW THE MONA LOLA... AND THAT MYSTERIOUS SMILE IS MINE!

A FEW DAYS AFTERWARD...
I MAILED THE PAINTING TO CLARK KENT AT THE PLANET! THE STORY HE WROTE IS...TOO MUCH... HA, HA! CLARK WOULD BE DUMBFOUNDED IF HE KNEW I WAS LOLA!
DAILY PLANET
HISTORIC OUTRAGE! MONA LOLA PAINTING SHOCKS ART WORLD
BY CLARK KENT

THAT VERY EVENING, IN HER LOLA IDENTITY, LOIS STEALS INTO JIMMY OLSEN'S APARTMENT...
I REMEMBER JIMMY MENTIONING THIS FANTASTIC GADGET SUPERMAN GAVE HIM FOR HIS TROPHY COLLECTION. WHEN I FINISH USING IT, THE FAME OF LOLA WILL SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS OF INFAMY!

LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER, SHE HOVERS OVER AN AIRPORT IN A CRAFT HER HUSBAND INVENTED...
HA, HA! DOWN DROPS THE GIZMO, ATTACHED TO A PARACHUTE WHICH HAS MY INSIGNIA ON IT! I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'LL HAPPEN NEXT! NOW TO FLEE FOR COVER IN MY HELI-CRAFT!

SHORTLY...
A SUDDEN HURRICANE... CAUSING TERRIBLE DAMAGE!
THAT DEVICE ATTACHED TO LOLA'S PARACHUTE CAUSED IT! WE'LL CALL THIS... HURRICANE LOLA!
WOOOSSH!

LATER... WHILE HUBBY-DEAR POURS HIS SOUL INTO A LOVE SONG FOR LANA, I'M POURING MY ENERGIES INTO TOPPING HIS LEXO FAME... AS LOLA! MY NEXT CAPER WILL BE A REAL CLASSIC! HA, HA!
DAILY PLANET
HURRICANE LOLA RAVAGES THREE STATES BEFORE SUPERMAN SUPER-PUFFS IT OUT TO SEA

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, THE FULL MOON SHINES DOWN ON A BIZARRE SCENE...
HA,HA! WITH THE PLASTO-MATERIAL LEXO INVENTED I'VE ALTERED THE FACE OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY SO IT'S NOW THE STATUE OF LOLA! WHAT A SIGHT IT'LL BE FOR GAWKING TOURIST SQUARES...
BUT THEN... I'VE SEEN PLENTY OF ROTTEN TRICKS IN MY TIME, BUT THIS IS THE WORST! I'LL RESTORE THE STATUE TO NORMAL...
SUPERMAN! HE WOULD HORN IN! THIS CRATE CAN'T OUTFLY HIM! I'LL HAVE TO MATCH HIS SUPER-SPEED WITH SOME SUPER-THINKING!
BEFORE I TAKE YOU TO JAIL, OFF WITH YOUR MASK! OH, NO! Y-YOU'RE... LOIS LUTHOR!
YOU WOULDN'T REALLY IMPRISON ME, WOULD YOU, SUPERMAN? YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME, REMEMBER? PERHAPS...
SORRY! I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU BECAME AN OUTLAW AND TEAMED UP WITH LEXO, BUT YOU MUST PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES!
SOB I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME! I RECENTLY SPLIT UP WITH LEXO, THOUGH! MY HUSBAND, LUTHOR, NEVER SUSPECTED A THING...
I KNOW I MUST PAY FOR MY MISDEEDS. BUT IF I RETURNED MY STOLEN LOOT, THE LAW MIGHT GO EASIER ON ME! PLEASE GIVE ME TIME TO BREAK THE NEWS GENTLY TO MY HUSBAND!
ALL RIGHT! ONE WEEK... AND THAT'S ALL! REMEMBER ...YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME!
THE FOOL FELL FOR MY STORY! NOW TO RETURN HOME AND TELL LUTHOR ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT! MAYBE IT'LL SHOCK HIM OUT OF HIS INFATUATION FOR LANA...
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WHEN SUPERMAN DELIVERS THE LYTHRE TO THE LUTHOR RESIDENCE...
HAVE YOU REVEALED YOUR SECRET TO YOUR HUSBAND YET, AS YOU PROMISED ME YOU WOULD, LOIS?
IF I TOLD HIM NOW, IT WOULD RUIN THE GREATEST PERFORMANCE OF HIS CAREER! I'LL TELL HIM RIGHT AFTER THE SUPERMAN SONATA CONCERT!
SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER, EVERYONE WHO IS ANYONE HAS THRONGED INTO THE GREAT CONCERT HALL — AND SEATED IN A BOX IS THE GUEST OF HONOR, SUPERMAN!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I SHALL PLAY A DUET! MY WIFE, LOIS, WILL ACCOMPANY ME IN THE PERFORMANCE: THE SUPERMAN SONATA! SHE WILL PLAY THE KRYPTONIAN LYTHRE!
THEN, AS THE UNIQUE PERFORMANCE BEGINS, AND THE MUSIC-LOVERS LISTEN JOYOUSLY, THE MAN OF STEEL HAS A STRANGE REACTION...
OH-HH! MY HEAD... SENSES SWIMMING! I F-FEEL ILL...
YA-HA-HA! MY DARLING LUTHOR CALCULATED CORRECTLY THAT THE TONAL VIBRATIONS FROM THIS KRYPTONIAN LYTHRE, COMBINING WITH THE MUSICAL NOTES FROM A PIANO, WOULD HAVE A MADNESS-INDUCING EFFECT UPON ANYONE FROM KRYPTON!
IRONICALLY, THE VERY MUSIC THAT SO DELIGHTS THE EARTH PEOPLE IN THE GREAT HALL DIABOLICALLY DRAGS THE MIND OF SUPERMAN DOWN INTO A HIDEOUS MIRE OF INSANITY...
LOSING... MY SENSES...
AND ON THE STAGE, GLIMPSING THE TERRIBLE EFFECT OF THEIR MUSICAL MAYHEM ON THE MAN OF STEEL, LOIS AND LUTHOR PLAY WITH FIENDISH ABANDON...
FLIP SUPERMAN! WIG OUT! HA, HA! NEXT STOP FOR YOU... "THE GIGGLING ACADEMY"!
CRAZY, SUPERMAN, CRAZY... YA-HA-HA!!!
NOW, MAKE HASTE TO PART III OF THIS FABULOUS IMAGINARY TALE, IN THIS CLASSIC DC MASTERPIECE!
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Super-HERO JOINS THE Super-FREAKS!
IT'S THE WEIRDEST DC TEAM-UP OF ALL TIME--AND IT HAPPENS IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF...
The BRAVE and the BOLD
NOW ON SALE!
BRAVE BOLD presents
The FLASH and DOOM PATROL
THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE!
THE WORLD'S STRANGEST HEROES!
12¢
YOU'RE ALL TOO LATE! I'VE SENT NEGATIVE MAN INTO OUTER SPACE... FOREVER!
DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES!
BATMAN
12¢
I'LL BE THE DEATH OF YOU YET, BATMAN AND ROBIN!
R.I.P. BATMAN AND ROBIN
NOW ON SALE
Introducing DEATH-MAN--
THE MACABRE MENACE WHO PREPARED A GRAVE-FULL OF TROUBLE FOR BATMAN and ROBIN in "DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES"
A SHATTERING NOVEL OF SINISTER SUSPENSE!
SUPERMAN DC NATIONAL COMICS
LOOK, SUPERMAN! IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A PLANE?
NO--IT'S DC'S NEWEST SWINGIN' STAR-- SCOOTER! EVERYBODY'LL DIG HIM!
Coming from DC-- COMICS CAPITOL OF THE WORLD...
The 1st ISSUE OF SWING WITH SCOOTER
A MAY-JUNE SHOWCASE PRESENTATION
ON SALE IN MARCH

PART III
LEXO'S LAST CAPER!
AS SOME DOCTORS IN THE AUDIENCE OBSERVE SUPERMAN'S DISTRESS, AND RUSH TO HIM...
STOP THE MUSIC! SUPERMAN HAS SUFFERED SOME SORT OF ATTACK! HE APPEARS TO BE IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION!
?--WE'D EXPECTED THE VIBRATIONS TO DRIVE HIM MAD, BUT PERHAPS A CERTAIN COMBINATION OF MUSICAL NOTES IN THE SUPERMAN SONATA CAUSED THIS OTHER EFFECT INSTEAD.
I COULD LAUGH OUT LOUD WITH GLEE!
AGAIN AND AGAIN, SCIENTISTS ATTEMPT TO RETURN THE MAN OF STEEL TO CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT FAIL...
THERE'S...NO HOPE FOR MY COUSIN SUPERMAN?
WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING, SUPER-GIRL! NOTHING HAS ROUSED HIM! WE'RE HANDICAPPED BY NOT KNOWING WHAT CAUSED IT TO HAPPEN...
DAILY PLANET
ENTIRE WORLD MOURNS END OF SUPERMAN! MAN OF STEEL PLACED IN SUPERMAN MUSEUM! WILL SCIENCE EVER DISCOVER A CURE FOR MYSTERIOUS AILMENT WHICH FELLED HIM?
BUT EVEN AS DECENT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE GRIEVE, THE UNDERWORLD CELEBRATES THE OCCASION IN THE SEWER HIDEOUT OF LEXO AND LOLA...
TELL 'EM, BABY!
WELL... WE'RE SWINGIN' THE SUPERMAN SONATA, SEE...AND THEN SUPIE GETS THE BEAT, SEE...AND...HA, HA, HA, IT PETRIFIES HIM... HA, HA, HA!!
ATTAGIRL... HAR, HAR!

NOW, THE GHOULS, AN UNDERGROUND MUSIC COMBO, POUND OUT A HIP DIRGE, AND LOLA BEGINS TO DANCE!
HA, HA! SCOOBIE-DOO!
LOVE THAT FRANTIC, WILD CHICK!
BUT SUDDENLY, LOLA STOPS... SWAYS... THEN... SCREAMS...
YAAAA-AAAA-AAA
SHE FLEES THE GROTTO IN WILD-EYED TERROR, AS LEXO CHARGES IN PURSUIT...
WHAT'S WRONG, HON? TELL LEXO!
A LITTLE LATER, THE TWO HAVE DOFFED THEIR COLORFUL GARB, BUT THE CHASE IS STILL ON...
STOP! WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER??
ENTERING THEIR APARTMENT, LUTHOR FINDS HIS WIFE HAS LOCKED HERSELF IN HER OWN ROOM--AND THERE SHE REMAINS, DAY AFTER DAY! LUTHOR PASSES FOOD FOR HER THROUGH A DOOR PANEL, BUT...
LOIS! PLEASE!
STILL NO REPLY...
AND, AS HE ALWAYS DOES WHEN HE IS TROUBLED, THE INCOMPARABLE LUTHOR TURNS TO HIS PIANO FOR COMFORT, BUT...
WITHOUT REALIZING IT, I BEGAN TO PLAY THE SUPERMAN SONATA!! AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I-I'M PLAYING BADLY!
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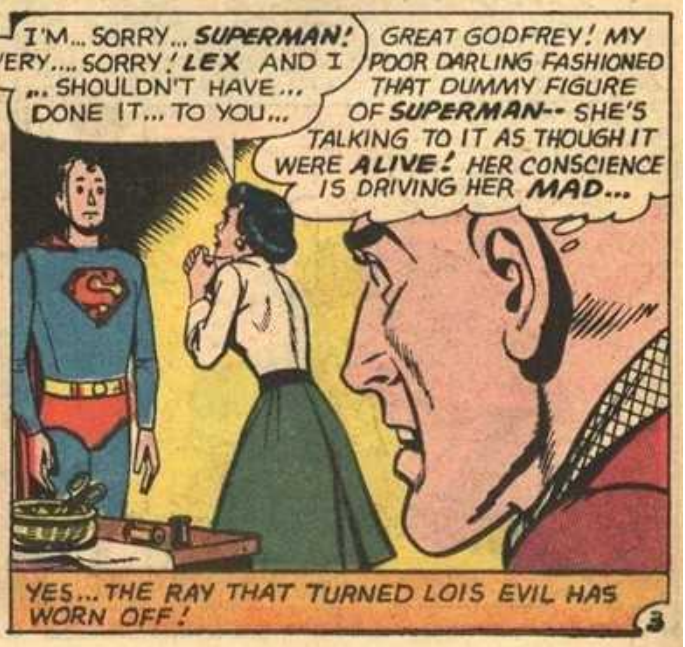
THEN, AS HE TRIES ANOTHER TUNE... AND ANOTHER, AND ANOTHER...
AWFUL! MY HANDS...TREMBLING...
TERRIBLE! I'VE NEVER DONE SO POORLY!
ABYSMAL!!! BUT WHY PUNISH THE PIANO? I'M TO BLAME!

AGHAST, **LUTHOR** RACES TO HIS BRIDE'S LOCKED DOOR, POUNDS TILL HIS KNUCKLES ARE RAW, BUT...


I'M... SORRY... SUPERMAN! VERY.... SORRY! LEX AND I ... SHOULDN'T HAVE... DONE IT... TO YOU...
GREAT GODFREY! MY POOR DARLING FASHIONED THAT DUMMY FIGURE OF SUPERMAN-- SHE'S TALKING TO IT AS THOUGH IT WERE ALIVE! HER CONSCIENCE IS DRIVING HER MAD...
YES... THE RAY THAT TURNED LOIS EVIL HAS WORN OFF!

SNAP OUT OF IT, LOIS! THAT'S ONLY A DUMMY...
WE DESTROYED THE GREATEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED! WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ATONE FOR THIS CRIME! WE'RE... DOOMED!

NEXT INSTANT, LOIS' SEMI-MADNESS IS GONE, BUT NOT HER REALIZATION OF GUILT!

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, LOIS! MY CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN TORMENTING ME, TOO!
LEX, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO FIND SOME WAY OF REVIVING SUPERMAN!

THAT VERY NIGHT, THEIR THREE HENCHMEN CARRY LUTHOR'S PIANO AND THE KANDORIAN LYTHRE INTO THE SUPERMAN MUSEUM...

THIS IS NUTS! WHY SHOULD THEY WANNA SPOIL EVERYTHING BY WAKING UP SUPERMAN, NOW THAT THEY'VE GOT HIM OFF THEIR BACKS?
STUPID! AIN'T YOU HIP TO PSYCHOLOGY?

AND SHORTLY...
PLAY, LOLA, LIKE YOU'VE NEVER PLAYED BEFORE! BUT PERFORM THE SUPERMAN SONATA BACKWARDS! IT MAY REVERSE THE VIBROSONIC EFFECT UPON SUPERMAN!
YES, YES!

BUT THOUGH THEY PLAY WITH ALL THE SKILL AT THEIR COMMAND...

PLAY, PLAY, PLAY! ALL NIGHT, IF NECESSARY!
MY FINGERS ACHE ALREADY! SUPERMAN ISN'T COMING AROUND! BUT I MUST KEEP PLAYING, NO MATTER HOW WEARY I BECOME!

AT DAWN, FIVE DISCONSOLATE FIGURES EMERGE FROM THE MUSEUM...
SUPERMAN MUSEUM
WE... FAILED...
THERE'S NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO!

BACK AT THEIR APARTMENT, LOIS AND HER HUSBAND SIT IN A SILENT STUPOR, THINKING... THINKING...

THEN LOIS CRACKS UP AGAIN...
I CAN'T STAND JUST SITTING HERE... LETTING MY GUILTY CONSCIENCE GNAW AT ME... CAN'T STAND IT... SOB, SOB!
STOP IT! I HAVE AN IDEA! WE CAN SNAP OUT OF THIS BY PULLING ANOTHER HEIST... THE GREATEST IN HISTORY!

LOIS RELUCTANTLY AGREES, AND THAT NIGHT...
THIS RARE ALLOY IS WORTH ONE BILLION DOLLARS! AND IT'S ALL OURS!
BANG BANG BANG
WHO CARES? COMMITTING ANOTHER CRIME ONLY MAKES THINGS WORSE!

PRESENTLY, IN THEIR SEWER HEADQUARTERS...
LOOK AT 'EM... STARING LIKE A COUPLE OF MOURNERS AT THAT BILLION-DOLLAR LOOT! THEY OUGHTA BE FLIPPIN'! BUT THEY AREN'T!
IT'S THEIR CONSCIENCES! LUTHOR SHOULD'VE STUCK TO GIVING HIS LOOT TO CHARITY, LIKE HE USED TO!

YOU WILL RETURN THE LOOT ANONYMOUSLY, WON'T YOU, DARLING?
OF COURSE! RIGHT AWAY!
I FEEL NO JOY IN HAVING ACCOMPLISHED THE GREATEST ROBBERY OF ALL TIME!

AFTER THE LOOT IS SENT BACK, LUTHOR AND LOIS MAKE A SOLEMN PLEDGE...
I'LL PUT OUR COSTUMES IN THE WALL-SAFE! WE'LL NEVER WEAR THEM ANY MORE! IF I BREAK THIS PROMISE AND BECOME LEXO AGAIN, MAY I BE STRUCK DEAD!
WE'RE FINISHED WITH CRIME FOREVER!

MEANWHILE, AT THE SUPERMAN MUSEUM, THE VIBROSONIC CURE WHICH LEXO AND LOLA HAD GIVEN THE MAN OF STEEL HAS WORKED... BUT ON A DELAYED-ACTION BASIS...
?? WHAT AM I DOING HERE? THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS BECOMING ILL AT THE CONCERT...

AS HE PATROLS METROPOLIS, LATER, SUPERMAN SIGHTS LOIS...
I'M SORRY, LOIS! WHETHER OR NOT YOU'VE TOLD YOUR HUSBAND THE TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF, YOU'RE GOING TO JAIL!
SUPERMAN! THANK HEAVEN YOU'RE ALL RIGHT AGAIN!
I CAN SEE HE DOESN'T BELIEVE ME, BUT I MEAN IT!

LOIS' TRIAL IS SWIFT, SUPERMAN IS THE STAR WITNESS AGAINST HER, AND THE SENTENCE IS...
TEN YEARS AT HARD LABOR!
THE PERSON I FEEL SORRIEST FOR IS LUTHOR! IT'S OBVIOUS HE STILL LOVES HIS WIFE, DESPITE EVERYTHING.

AND LOIS, TO PROTECT LUTHOR, PUTS ON AN ACT...
DON'T TOUCH ME, CREEP! YOU LOVE YOUR PIANO... LEXO LOVES ME! FORGET ME!
I LOVE YOU SO...!
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL, I WILL FORGET YOU!
NEVER! I'M YOURS FOREVER!

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DAY AFTER DAY, LOIS TOILS IN THE PENITENTIARY LAUNDRY...
LEXO WOULDN'T THINK YOU LOOKED VERY PRETTY NOW! HA, HA... AWWPP!
HAVE SOME SOAP SUDS, DEARIE... TO WASH OUT YOUR MOUTH...
AND IN THE PENTHOUSE SUITE OF THE INCOMPARABLE LUTHOR...
I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF LOIS WASTING THE BEST YEARS OF HER LIFE IN PRISON! I'M GOING TO BREAK HER OUT... AS LEXO!
YOU'RE CRAZY, LUTHOR!
I HATE THIS COSTUME, NOW! BUT I MUST WEAR IT AGAIN, FOR LOIS' SAKE!
MINUTES LATER...
THE GUARDS'LL KILL YOU!
LET US TRY IT, INSTEAD!
YEAH! WE'RE DYING SLOWLY OF RADIATION POISONING! WE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE!
NO, KLAVAN... MERKO... RANDOZZI. THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO!
FROM WHAT I'VE LEARNED, THE FEMALE CONVICTS SHOULD BE IN THE YARD NOW! SPEED WILL MEAN EVERYTHING! WE'LL GET AWAY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY... BEGIN A NEW AND BETTER LIFE TOGETHER!
MOMENTS AFTERWARD, IN THE PRISON YARD...
LEXO, DARLING! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE... OH, NO! SUPERMAN HAS SEEN YOU WHILE PATROLLING! HE'S FLYING DOWN!
I'LL STUN HIM WITH A KRYPTONITE RAY, SO HE CAN'T PREVENT OUR ESCAPE!
BUT PRISON GUARDS THINK LEXO IS TRYING TO KILL SUPERMAN, AND...
RATA-TAT-TAT RATA-TAT-TAT
EEE-EEEEEE!

AS LOIS REMOVES LEXO'S MASK...
I LOVE YOU... SWEETHEART... UHHHHHH...
LEXO... SOB, SOB!!
HE'S DEAD...
SO LEXO WAS THE INCOMPARABLE LUTHOR, ALL ALONG! MY X-RAY VISION REVEALED THIS ROD WOULD ONLY HAVE STUNNED ME!
BUT WE COULDN'T KNOW THAT...

LATER, AS SUPERMAN FINALLY LOCATES THE UNDERGROUND SEWER HEADQUARTERS...
LEXO'S HENCHMEN ARE DEAD, TOO... THE RADIATION POISONING FINALLY GOT TO THEM. HMM... THIS GARGOYLE HEAD! THE MECHANISM WITHIN IT CAN TURN ANYONE TEMPORARILY EVIL IF ITS RAYS SHINE ON THEM! LOIS WAS ALWAYS GOOD IN THE PAST! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT...?

SUPERMAN HYPNOTIZES LOIS, AND...
YES... I REMEMBER RAYS... SHINNING FROM THE STATUE'S EYES!
THAT EXPLAINS HER CRIMINAL ACTS, WARDEN... BUT THE EVIL EFFECT HAS WORN OFF NOW!

AN UNDERSTANDING PAROLE BOARD FREES LOIS, AND SOON...
LOIS! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
DON'T SAY IT!

OF COURSE I'M DEEPLY SHOCKED BY MY VILLAINOUS DEEDS... AND VERY SORRY! BUT THERE'S ONE THING I'LL NEVER REGRET! MY LOVE FOR LEXO! HE WAS A CRIMINAL, BUT HE WAS MY MAN! AND I LOVED HIM! I STILL LOVE HIM... I ALWAYS WILL...
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YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT, CAN'T YOU, SUPERMAN?
I UNDERSTAND, LOIS!
OF COURSE, THIS IMAGINARY TALE ACTUALLY NEVER HAPPENED! NEXT ISSUE, MORE REAL ADVENTURES OF LOIS LANE!
THE END

LETTERS TO LOIS AND LANA

Dear Editor: I liked the story, "Lois Lane's Anti-Superman Campaign," but I think you're anti-female. You show nearly all *men* around Lois' booth when she's campaigning for the Senate. I'm only a teen-ager, but I think more *women* would be interested in voting for her.—Ronnie Raney, Shreveport, La.

(When you're old enough to vote, vote as you please. In the meantime, grant these guys the same right. Besides, can you blame them for flocking around a pretty chick?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: My mother, sister, and I have read your magazine for quite some time. We especially like Lois and Lana. We were talking about them the other day and decided that Superman likes Lois for her unusual ways of finding trouble and getting out of it. Mom's theory is that he cares most for Lana because he went with her during their school days and there is no love like the first love.—Tammie Williams, Marietta, Ohio.

(A very interesting analysis, but this is one case where Mother does not know best. The Man of Steel was never in love with Lana when he was a youth, so it's incorrect to call her his first flame.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Magnificent! LOIS LANE No. 63 was great! Devoting the whole magazine to one story allows real plot development, and the last three issues of LOIS have shown the coherence that is the by-product of a good plot. The only false note was Lois' jumping out a window to attract Superman's attention—a very silly thing to do, and not at all consistent with her intelligent handling of the situation before and after. Otherwise, the issue was A-OK!—Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(Lois pulled the jumping bit because it's worked for her in the past. Only this time Superman decided to quash such reckless strategy, once and for all. We assure you that next time Lois will hesitate before she leaps.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In LOIS LANE No. 62, you show Lois taking a photo in the U.S. Senate. How absurd can you be! It is mandatory that you have to check your cameras on a table outside the chamber. Please let me know how she did it.—Jack Baker, Oil City, Pa.

(Lois used a familiar reporter's trick to carry the camera past the guard's vigilant eye. Every newspaperman knows this secret of the trade—and we'd be 14 karat skunks to make it public.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I have a question concerning "Lois Lane's Anti-Superman Campaign." If Lois was mad at Superman, why did she continue to wear those earrings he gave her?—Amy Jenner, Freeport, N.Y.

(What do you think we are—psychoanalysts? As wise men have said: "Go figure the vagaries of a woman's mind."—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In reading your stories, I sometimes wonder whether Lois, Clark and Jimmy are the only reporters on the Daily Planet. I know they can't be, yet they seem to be the only ones you've really established. I keep wondering who the Planet's ace sports reporter is, who does the advice-to-the-lovelorn column, who writes the book reviews, who draws the editorial and sports cartoons, who's the top staff photographer, and what columnists work on the Planet? Can you give us the answer? Perhaps you could have a series of stories guest-starring these staffers—hmmm?—Hazel Thurston, Fall River, Mass.

(Good thinking. And we'll try to learn the name of the printer's devil while we're at it!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I enjoy your magazines very much except for your heroines. They are beautiful and, career-wise, very successful, but as women . . . yecch! Neither Lois nor Lana ever makes any permanent change in her hairdo! As for their personalities, they are even worse! In Imaginary Stories, when Lois marries Superman, Lana is a milk-toast martyr with only superficial courage in overcoming her heartbreak. Lois is vindictive, scornful, haughty, selfish and possessive. They're both shockingly shrewish and jealous. No self-respecting woman would behave in a manner as obvious, ill-bred, or forward as both girls unhesitatingly adopt toward the poor Man of Steel. A woman with spirit needn't openly chase a man to prove she has spirit any more than a courteous, well-bred girl has to be a plain, be-spectacled spinster. Can't you—*won't* you—make Lois and Lana more feminine? When the Man of Steel chooses them over hundreds of other charming girls, one's faith in his judgment wavers.—Lisette Longet, Los Angeles, Calif.

(The majority of our readers tell us our heroines are FAB. Now you crush our ego by indicting them as shrews. We suggest you catch the current Broadway musical play about SUPERMAN and see how attractive Joan Hotchkiss portrays Lois Lane. We'll bet she melts your heart when you see how gallant and self-sacrificing she is.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In LOIS LANE No. 62, you state that in Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution, it says that a Senator has to be at least 30 years old. We have just completed a study of the Constitution in school, and the age for Senators is set in Article 1, Section 3. Better brush up on your history.—Susan David, Woodmere, N.Y.

(We know what you're thinking—that this goof proves we majored in history at Benedict Arnold High School. so we're punishing ourselves by writing the Declaration of Independence on our blackboard fifty times.—Ed.)

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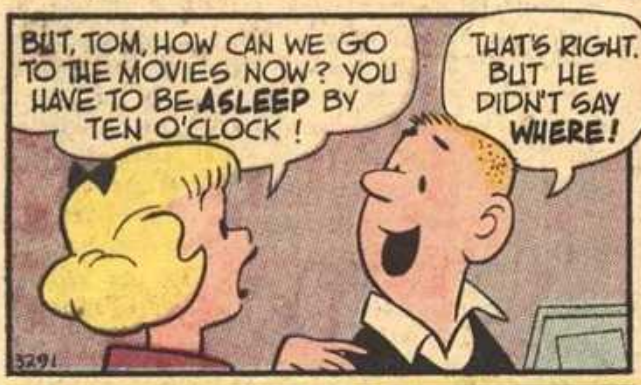

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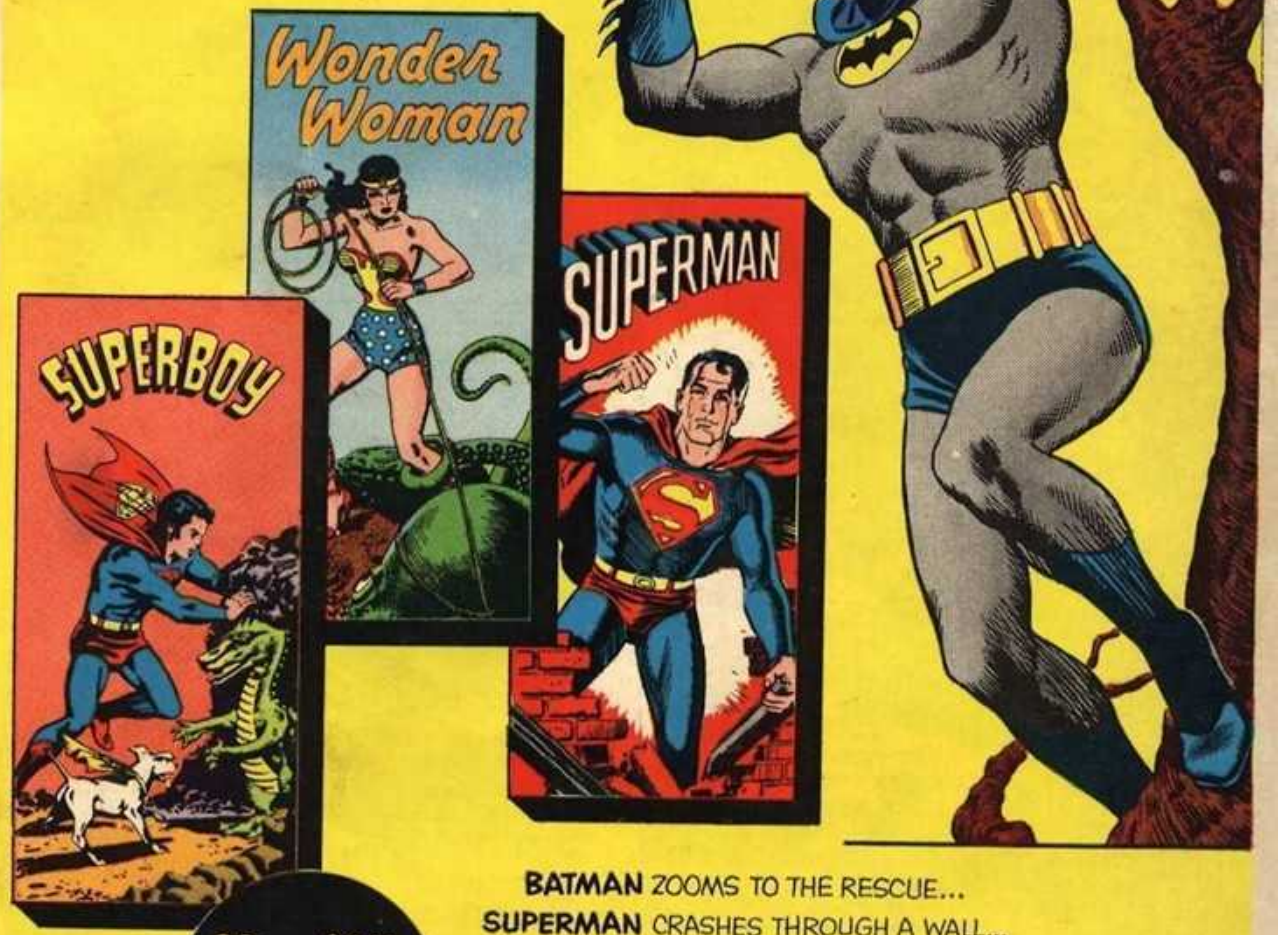

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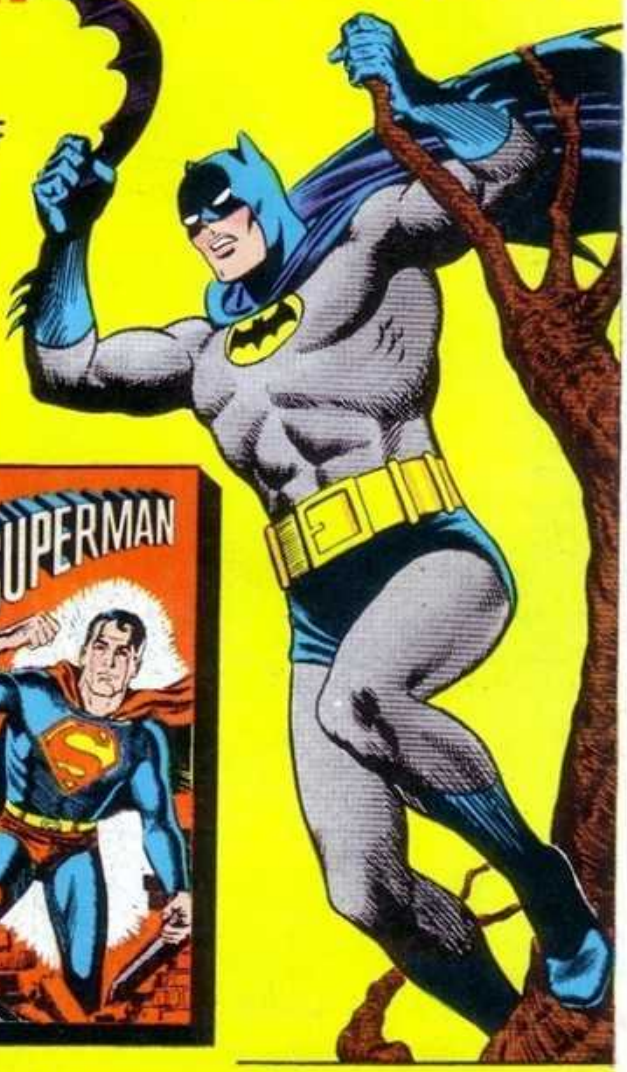

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